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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN POSITION ON IEP

REF: A. STATE 175375; B. OSLO 3559; C. LONDON 10133

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL (A), WE REVIEWED NORWEGIAN POSITION IN DETAIL WITH TAYLOR (DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY) AND FENN (FCO) AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH RAMPTON (PERM SEC, ENERGY) BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE ON VACATION. BRITISH ARE FAVORABLY DISPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO SUGGESTION HMG INTERVENE IN OSLO BUT BELIEVE DELAY OF UP TO A WEEK MAY BE DESIRABLE. APART FROM GIVING HMG TIME TO RECEIVE ITS OWN EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT AND OBTAIN WHITEHALL CLEARANCE, LAPSE OF TIME WOULD ASSURE THAT UK APPROACH DID NOT APPEAR TO BE SOLICITED BY OR COORDINATED WITH US.

2. ON CONTENT OF POSSIBLE UK APPROACH TO NORWEGIANS, FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE THINKING OF TAYLOR AND FENN ON LINE WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN:

A. BRITAIN, WHICH IS IN SIMILAR POSITION TO NORWAY AS POTENTIAL OIL EXPORTER LOCATED IN WESTERN EUROPE, HAS DECIDED BROADER DEFENSE AND ECONOMIC REASONS JUSTIFIED ADHERENCE TO IEP.

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B. MOMENT FOR EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL SOLIDARITY

WITH WEST IS NOW; IMPROVED REVIEW CLAUSE WOULD MAKE LESS IMPORTANT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY DECISION TO OPT OUT AFTER FIVE YEARS WHEN IEP WOULD BE WORKING PROPOSITION.

3. TAYLOR VOLUNTEERED THAT A CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT TO NORWEGIANS TO EFFECT THAT US WOULD WELCOME SWEDISH MEMBERSHIP IN IEP (AS CHARTER MEMBER) MIGHT BE IMPORTANT. NORWEGIANS MAY HAVE SOME CONCERN THAT COOLNESS IN SWEDISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS MIGHT CONSTITUTE OBSTACLE TO US ACCEPTANCE OF SWEDISH PARTICIPATION IN IEP.

4. TAYLOR ALSO OBSERVED THAT US MIGHT BE WELL ADVISED TO MAKE MOST OF EXISTING IEP PROVISIONS TO CONVINCE NORWEGIANS EXPORTS OF OIL UNDER LONGTERM CONTRACTS TO NON-IEP COUNTRIES (SUCH AS EAST EUROPEANS OR POSSIBLY SWEDES) DURING EMERGENCY CONDITIONS COULD REMAIN UNAFFECTED IF THEY SO DESIRED. PRIMARY EFFECT ON NORWAY OF IEP WOULD BE OBSERVANCE OF DEMAND RESTRAINT PROVISIONS AS EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL SOLIDARITY. TAYLOR WAS QUICK TO POINT OUT HMG ITSELF WAS NOT LOOKING AT IEP IN THIS WAY; THIS WAS MERELY DEBATING POINT VIS A VIS NORWEGIANS SO FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED.

5. BRITISH WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT NORWEGIANS MAY CONSIDER MAJORITY VOTING AND ESCAPE CLAUSE ISSUES TO BE EQUALLY IMPORTANT. BRITISH DELEGATION AND OTHERS AT LAST ECG MEETING HAD BEEN TOLD BY BOYESEN IN CLEAR TERMS THAT ARNESEN SHOULD NOT HAVE PRESENTED ESCAPE CLAUSE AS STICKING POINT IN SAME SENSE AS MAJORITY VOTING.

6. TAYLOR ASKED THAT HMG BE KEPT ABREAST OF CURRENT US EFFORTS TO PERSUADE NORWEGIANS TO ACCEPT IEP.  
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